Climbers' Vanguard Leaves for Charlottesville---Ayers May Join Team Soon

RUSH FOR TABLE AT TRAINING CAMP

Long, Stuffy Ride to Charlottesville, Virginia,

MARTIN IS WELL PREPARED

Clark Griffith Smiles as Fans at Station Talk of Winning 1913 Championship.

By "SENATOR."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 2 Rather tired and weary from their ide in the stuffy coach on the Southrn railway, the younger members of he 1913 Climbers dropped off at the made a bee-line rush for the delectable dining-room table of Mrs

one man, made a bee-line rush for the delectable dining-room table of Mrs. Saunders, on Chancellor street. They weren't a bit bashful about it, either, but simply waded through that food. There wasn't a scrap of it left in five minutes and Mique Martin, safe and sane trainer of the Climbers, beamed with joy at the evidences of hearty appetites on the part of the young candidates for the big show.

Keenan and Gedeon, the two rookies, having gotten in early this morning were on hand to welcome the Climbers with Mique Martin, and soon joined the bunch after being made known to the arriving members of the team.

Yes, it was the rume old stuff at the get-away, the usual throng of interested, inquisitive spectators, the same old posing for the camerafiends out on the platform with a pile of other folks' trunks for the background and the same alleged withy remarks contributed by the gallery. But through it all the youngsters gr'inned and kept their tempers, it was a bit new, too, for some of them. Perhaps thas why "Dutch" Munch, Buck Barton, and Jack Egan, the youngest of the poungsters gr'inned and kept their tempers, it was a bit new, too, for some of them. Perhaps thas why "Dutch" Munch, Buck Barton, and Jack Egan, the youngest of the paper. That's something worth while for a rookie with a big team.

Manager Griffith, wearing one of those fatuous as well as famous smiles of his, was at the station, looking after the final preparations for the departure. He had little to say, though he grimed broadly whenever some frantic fan in the gallery lost his polise for the moment and began talking about the "coming champions." You see, Griff's been through this so often that he spuncture proof. So he just grinned and kept their grintly house and legs.

Many of the old boys were there to be grintly probably of some through this so often that he spuncture proof. So he just grinned and kept their grintly house and probably department of the carriage and talking about the "Griff place, which is a feworable," announced Jack Ryan,

Old Boys There.

Many of the old boys were there to bid Godspeed to the youngsters. George MoBride, recognized by everybody at first sight, shook Jack Ryan's hand and told him to see that the kids were put over the hurdles properly at the training camp. Jack promised to do his best. By the way, Jack is the kindliest of temporary managers. He kept the special car ringing with laughter all the way over the road to this place in the Virginia hills with his dry tales of big league experiences of his.

The right physical proportions for the big show.

Engel and these four youngsters, Griff will be in a bad way if he doesn't whip into shape a real, live pitching squad.

"Cashion is going to make a great pitcher zome day and I really think his day is about due. His work toward the close of last season could not be bettered and I believe that the big fellow is going to be second only to Johnson this year. This will come pretty close to giving us a chance for the flag, too."

Pyan Is Welsonsel.

on as the train pulled out of the Station E. "Dorf' Ainsmith

Filled With Hope.

Young Climbers Hungry After that's the reason that they are candidates for a big league team, having the nerve and whatever else is needed to

nerve and whatever else is needed to make the attempt.

Elliott Dent, big, quiet-spoken, really good looking, enjoyed a magazine for a long time. He seemed of a studious temperament. Indéed, he matches with Sir Robert Groom, the elongated, toothpick twirler, in some ways and they'll surely get together frequently in the camp here over a checker game. Right here it may be well to request Bobby, on behalf of the writer and several others in the vanguard, not to forget that checker board of his when he comes on Tuesday. Bring it along, Bob, there'll be use for it the moment you arrive.

Somebody got Victor Bickers, the But-falo mastodon, talking of hunting rab-bits, including Welsh and other variebits, including Weish and other varieties, and the youngster reeled off yards of stuff about his ability in the hunting field. He should make a capable companion for "Zeb" Milan and Clark Grifith during the long evenings ahead. Three such yarners—well, it's doubtful if there's a big league camp in the country possessing their equal in this line.

Camp Is Ready. Thanks to Mique Martin, safe and sane trainer of the Climbers, everything has been prepared for the coming of the veterans, though the place i

the right physical proportions for the

Union Station E. "Dorf' Ainsmith orsanised a little seven-up contest and
this served to keep everybody interested
from Virginia University called on him.
for an hour or so. Joe Boehling, the
only real, regular Dutchman in the
team here this spring, you know, and Jack Ryan hadn't been in town more

only real, regular Dutchman in the bunch, wanted to start a pinochle game, but his old sidekick at this sport. Danny Moeller, wasn't in the bunch and so Joe finally had to take a hand in Ainsmith's game.

Owing to the week's indoor practice at the Y. M. C. A. gym back in Washington, most of the youngsters were at least on speaking terms with one another. They didn't have to sit like graven images, waiting for something to happen and hoping it wouldn't be a wreck.

Jack's going to coach the varsity ball team here this spring, you know, and he is very popular among the undergraduates, owing to the good work he did while here last 7ear.

Tomorrow morning, if the weather is right. Ryan will lead his little squad upon Lambeth Field for some limbering up. Nobody will be allowed to rush his training and Ryan will keep his eyes on the youngsters. No real pitching will be done, though Eddie Ainsmith is likely to call for some "swift" before he's on the field five minutes.

The weather here has been excellent There is always something pathetic shout the departure of a bunch of rookies to a big league training camp. They are always so sure in their own the jump. Even when they say little about their confidence of this they feel.

The weather here has been excellent, the natives say, and this looks pretty promising for the Climbers, Lambeth Field has been prepared especially for the coming of the big leaguers, the workmen finishing their labors only last week. As soon as their dinner had vanished, the players took a stroll over to the field, and one and all were delighted with its appearance.

DIXIE WALKER GOES OLSEN AND TURNER TO ST. PAUL CLUB ARE AGAIN MATCHED

by Jack Dunn, of Baltimore, to Western Outfit.

Dixie Walker, the big right hander who failed to hold his own with the local American League team last spring. has been sold by Jack Dunn, the manager of the Baltimore Orioles, to St. Paul in the American Association and has been ordered to report to that

After reporting in poor shape at Charlottesville, Walker developed tendencies which made him ineligible for the Climbers last spring and, while the team was in Boston, the big fellow was sent home by Griffith. A few days later he was sold to Baldimore. There he started well, but finished poorly and was farmed to Wilkes-Barre in the New York State league. There, too, he was suspended for failing to keep in playing Walker ought to be a great pitcher.

for he has all the mechanical necessities for the job. His curve ball is excellent, and, if he had more confidence in himself, he would now be in the big league. However, he does not take training reriously and so goes back.

Athletics to Tackle San Antonio Today

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 2—Connie Mack's Athletics will stack up against the San Antonio team again today, hav-ten rounds, at Cincinnati, Ohio. the San Antonio team again today, having easily won yesterday's engagement in a veritable batfest, by a 24 to 2 score. All three youngsters demonstrated yesterday that they were in fine fettle and fans are looking for the veterans to get a workout today. Pennock and Wickoff, the Bucknell boy, had the locals at their mercy throughout the contest yesterday.

Former Climbers' Pitcher Sold Middleweight Athletes Will Meet for Second Time This Season Next Friday.

> Washington mat fans are today dis- the cussing the approaching wrestling match which is scheduled for Friday night at the Gayety Theater. Young Olsen, the Newfoundland middleweight who fell before the clever tactics of Joe Turner, about three weeks ago, will again meet the Washington athlete. Experts were unanimous at the time in their belief that Olsen and Turner were as well matched as any two men that George Peck has yet brought together, and the forthcoming bout is expected to be the feature mat event of the week in this city.

Tomorrow's Sports

Basketball, Georgetown vs. Prince ton, at Arcade. Braves begin training at Athens,

Ray McAtee vs. Jim Bringle, ten rounds, at Indianapolis, Ind. Al Wambsgans vs. Young Denny, ten rounds, at New Orleans, La. Milburn Saylor vs. Andy Bezenah, Spike Kelly vs. Jack Foreman. eight rounds, at Memphis, Tenn. Pal Brown vs. Steve Ketchel, ten

rounds, at Milwaukee. Matty McCue vs. Johnny Kloffta eight rounds, at Milwaukee.

Climbers' Youngsters Before Boarding Train for Charlottesville



CLIMBERS HAVE EVEN CHANCE FOR FLAG IF THEY KEEP UP IN RACE UNTIL SEPT. 15

to Bring This Possibility Into Reality.

By "SENATOR."

With the Climbers getting under way oday to prepare for the campaign of 1913, Capital City fans are intensely inis distinctly unfair to Manager Griffith and to the team as a whole to expect them to land that pennant. Looking at the aggregation from every angle, i is difficult to see pennant possibilities in the outfit. Nothing but the best of luck all down the line can give the Climbers the flag.

Look at the work of the team in establish a record by cleaning up all games in the West, making a straight string of seventeen victories. Walter Johnson won sixteen straight games and Bobby Groom chased himself through nine victories hand-running. Such runs can hardly be expected this season. Of course, it may be argued that the

Climbers will start this season with the same line-up that made these records in 1912. Very true, but these records would hardly have created as much enthusi asm had they been ordinary feats. They were out of the ordinary, hence excited great enthusiasm among wer the circuit.

Manager Griffith has corralled a big squad of players to develop this year. He is not handicapped by the club own-ers. They are all fans. They all want victory, and Griff will do his best to

bring it, but the chances are against Chance For Flag.

There is a chance for the Climbers to win the pennant. By sticking up in the van till September 15 and arriving there with the leaders well-bunched, luck, just plain baseball luck, will determine the final winner. Washington is well-equipped too for such a test Walter Johnson and Carl Cashion could pitch every other game, with Bob Groom and Tom Hughes hanging around Groom and Tom Hugnes nesting at our waiting for a chance to break into a game. In that case, the Climbers might slip into the championship. But the chances of such a condition existing in the sace at this critical time is remote. It might happen, but it's a long shot at best. There are weak places in the Climb-

ers' line-up. Manager Griffith knows this and all level-headed fans know it, too. The outfielders must hit harder and more consistently. The infielders are good, but second base last year was the bad spot. A combination of Morgan and Laporte would be ideal for this position, but fortunately it is impossible to make them one person. At least to make them one person. At least two strong, effective pitchers must be found to aid Johnson, Groom, Cashion, found to ald Johnson, Groom, Cashion, and Hughes. Griff knows this, too, as well, if not better than the next.

However, one need not be glum in facing the coming season. The Climbers are strong enough to finish in the first division, anyway. It is hard to dope them any lower than third place. While the writer really believes the Philadelphia Athletics the strongest team in the league, he does not think the world's champion Red Sox a bit stronger than the Griffmen. Indeed. world's champion Red Sox a litter stronger than the Griffmen. Indeed, with any kind of breaks in the luck, the Climbers should win a majority of games from the Red Sox and finish higher. Without the luck they may chase the Sox over the line,

Has Big Squad.

Manager Griffith will have in camp at Charlottesville this week the biggest squad ever seen in a Washington uniform. Thirty-eight players will be gamboling on Lambeth Field, only two of whom will not be in the running. Altrock and Schaefer, while with the team, will hardly train for any certain task. The other thirty-six will be fighting a man's fight, though, for a chance to stay with the team.

Johnson, Groom, Cashion and Hughes have practically cinched their jobs with the Climbers. Nine other twirlers will strive for possibly four berths and at this early time there is no guessing which of them will land. Dent, from Newark, and Drohan, from Kewance, look the most promising on their minor league records. Gallia and Engel, both with the team last year, will stand a lot of work and should gratify Manager Griffith by their efforts. Engel may boling on Lambeth Field, only two of

Bunched Facts About the Climbers

Left Union Station at 11 o'clock, and arrived at Caarlottesville at 2:10, going at once to training quarters.

Party included Jack Ryan, Bob Austin, Billy Allen, Joe Boehling, Victor Bickers, Carroll Barton, Elliott Dent, Tom Drohan, Jack Egan, Julius Munch, Rebel E. Williams, Harry Welchonce, and Zack Erhart.

Baldomero Acosta, jr., and Jacinto Calvo, Cuban candidates, accompanied by three Havana scribes, arrived at Charlottesville this morning. First practice outdoors scheduled for tomorrow morning on Lambeth Field, but it will be of the lightest nature.

be the winning kid of the 1913 season, if all signs mean anything.

The rest of the staff are unknows.
Sullivan pitched good ball in the Union
Association last season, but the others are very green. Joe Boehling's wildness Bickers and Barton have pitched nothing but independent ball. Austin is fresh from college. At best it is a matter of mere guesswork as to what any of them

However, Manager Griffith believes he has gathered a likely-looking bunch of youngsters for tryouts. He likes their manly builds and, while evidently green, is willing to take a chance at developing two or three live ones from

Outfielders a Puzzle.

The outfield is a puzzle which will very likely cause Manager Griffith much eplessness. Milan's place is fixed, but Moeller and Shanks must battle for their berths. There would not be the slightest doubt of Moeller's success if it could be known for a certainty that his shoulder would not bother film again.
Without this handicap, the Rochester Rambler would easily be one of the great outfielders of modern baseball.
Howard Shanks, while a nifty gardener, is unusually slow on the paths for a lad with such speed in the field. Perhaps he may be taught how to run the corners. Last year he hit in hard luck iamming forty clean bingles right! luck, tamming forty clean bingles right supplanted by Frank Laporte. Both

at opposing players for easy outs. Tacking those forty drives on his record would give him a batting average of .339 instead of .236. But there will be little opportunity for age of more than .400 against the Ath-letics; Joe Connolly, who hit for .316 in the International League; Harry Wel-chonce, leader of the Southern League, with 325, and Billy Allen, claimed to be seen him at work. Young Baldomero Acosta is being left out of the running largely because of his extreme youth. Sixteen years is mighty few to make Sixteen years is mighty few to mak a major leaguer, though one can neve be too sure of these things,

To Try Them All. Manager Griffith will try all these candidates, though, as well as Al Sheer the Youngstown midget, and Joe Gede-

on, the San Francisco flyer, neither of whom seem to have a chance against whom seem to have a chance against the rest of the field. The "Old Fox" cannot afford to overlook any bets if he would bring a pennant to Florida

emy, at Charlotte Hall; April 19, Eastern High School, at Brookeville; April 18, Sandy Spring High School, at Sandy Spring; April 26, Bridrley Hall Military

Spring Exhibitions.

March 28-Philadelphia Nationals.

March 29-Philadelphia Nationals.

March 30-Climbers at Cincinnati.

March 27-Georgetown.

March 3:-Cardinal A. C.

April 2-Brooklyn.

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April 9-Toronto.

Avenue Park.

April 1-Catholic University.

April 4-Boston Nationals.

April 5-Boston Nationals.

April 7-New York Giants.

April 8-New York Giants.

April 6-Climbers at Baltimore.

All games, except those on Sun-

Brookville Baseball

Herrmann Mystified Over Kling Talk

TINCINNATI, Ohio, March 2-Garry Herrmann is mystified over the fact that a dispatch says that Johnny Kling is quoted as saying that he has no in-tention of playing ball this season. From Kansas City comes the report that Kling has failed to sign a con-tract, and that he is trying to arrange his business so that he conhas signed with the Reds while Kling siness so that he can play with

Cornell Takes Odd **Bout From the Navy**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 2 .- By taking the odd bout in the annual fencing program from the Navy swordsmen, Cornell won the engagement by 5 to 4. Hans, of the Academy, a green fencer, substituted for Gray, and won both his engagements.

The greatest number of points obtained an any match was made by Wademan, of the Cornell team, who made 11 against 9 for Dunn, of the

Cumberland to Have New Baseball Park

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 2.—Col. Nelson W. Russler, Victor May, William Bride, Geirge Geatz, Frank Lippold, and Daniel O'Toole, have been selected to obtain a baseball team for the local ball

by "Senator." will be out for the berth again this year and there is no telling what either

Nationals Doped to Finish Sea-

son at Least in Third Place

wili do.

Four new ones will also be seeking to show their wares at second base. Zack Erhart, the Columbia College boy, who accompanied the Yankees South last year; Rebel E. Williams, from Newark, Ohio; Bill Moriey, from Knoxville, Tenn., and Joe Gedeon, who played second as well as the outfield with San Francisco, will be tried out by Manager Ceriffith.

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Francisco, will be tried out by Manager
Griffith in the hopes of finding a live
one for the Climbers.
Six men will probably be carried for
the infield this year and nine men are
trying for the places. Three must go,
but just which of them is found wanting
will not be known for several weeks

Wants Young Catcher. In addition to Henry, Williams, and Ainsmith, two young catchers are to thorough trials. Munch, from the sandlots of Washington, and Jack Egan, from the sandlots of Bridgeport, Conn., will struggle for the one place with the team. In all likelihood the team will carry four backstops this season. Last season's lesson has been learned and hardly again will the Griffmen be dependent upon one catcher on a Western trip.

Though catching only Walter Johnson, Eddie Ainsmith has recovered him bealthy strength and sail. healthy strength and will always be available. John Henry's knee may keep him on the bench till midsummer, but

him on the bench till midsummer, but
the big fellow will be on hand when
needed. Al Williams is made of iron
and can catch any time he gets the
word. All in all, the boast that Washington has the best catching staff in
the big league should stand for at
least another neason.

There is much about the 1913 team to
make for confidence among the fans,
but they should not immediately nail
that pennant on the pole at the park.
It is a long run from today to October
5. Many things may happen in that It is a long run from today to October 5. Many things may happen in that time. The writer, like all supporters of the team, hopes earnestly that good luck will attend the Griffmen and bring them the flag, but he doesn't claim to for them now, not by a long shot.

Team Adopts Dates SWEEPING REDUCTIONS Manager Edward Story, of the Brookeville High School baseball team, has ON KUPPENHEIMER announced the schedule of games for the team. Many of the contests will be with the high school teams of Washington, the opening game to be played at Brookeville March 27 with the **CLOTHES PROVE TO BE** Western High School team. The other games scheduled are as follows: March 29, Technical High School, at Brookeville: April 5, Charlotte Hall Acad-**BIG TRADE PULLERS**

Grosner's, 1013 Pa. Ave., Spring; April 26, Briarley Hall Military Academy, at Pootesville; April 27, Busi-ness High School, at Brookeville; April 30, Sandy Spring High School, at Brookeville; May 14, Sandy Spring High School, at Brookeville; May 22, Gonzaga College, at Brookeville. Games will be arranged with the Rockville High School and other county teams. **Only Kuppenheimer Store** in City

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Better come early and get your pick while they last.—Advt.

AYERS WAVERING: MAY JOIN OUTFIT

Richmond Youngster Doesn't Want to Be Blacklisted by Climb ers' Manager-Griff Wants Virginia Leaguer to

Train at Charlottesville.

may be blacklisted by Manager Grif-fith, Doc Ayers, the Richmond pitcher, expected to become a big league star expected to report there to Manager

Changes His Mind. Ayers, who is a big, strapping right and pitcher, is studying at Richmond

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